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Memorandum for Messrs. Greer
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Re: Dr. L. G. S. Rao

As you know, for the past several years the industry has supported the research of Dr. L. G. S. Rao. While his early research was aimed at investigating the relationship between hormones and lung cancer, more recently he has become interested in various factors which may bear upon pregnancy outcome, particularly infant birth weight. Dr. Rao's research in this area was supported during the past year (which ended April 30) by a \$60,000 special project. Enclosed is an accounting from Dr. Rao's accountants setting forth the funds received and expenses incurred in connection with this research.

About three years ago, Dr. Rao reported that while female smokers in social classes 4 and 5 (primarily blue collar workers) have lower birth weight babies than nonsmokers, such differences are not found in social classes 1 and 2 (primarily professional and white collar workers). Dr. Rao's later studies indicate that the reason for the lower birth weight babies in social classes 4

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particularly protein intake, than smoking. His his statement submitted to both the House and his year, a copy of which is enclosed. Also inuscript recently submitted to The American manuscript summarizes Dr. Rao's most recent bugh 12, inclusive).

. Extend in turning to questions of (1) birth and prematurity and (2) the role of fetal retardation. Enclosed is a research proposal like to do in these areas. Dr. Rao believes area at a cost of \$75,000 per annum.

peroval of this proposal and would appreciate convenience.

Sincerely,

Timothy M. Finnegan

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